

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to recognize Chaplain (Colonel) Phillip M. Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain (Colonel) Phillip M. Armstrong is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for many years in the United States Air Force (USAF) Chaplain Corps, and will be taking his much-deserved retirement at the rank of Colonel; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career with the USAF, Chaplain Armstrong has served in numerous locations, including the Philippines; Pusan, South Korea; San Antonio, Texas; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Misawa, Japan; Biloxi, Mississippi; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Tucson, Arizona; Thumrait, Oman; Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB) Chapel and 908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Montgomery, Alabama; and Robins AFB Chapel, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, in Warner Robins, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Phillip Armstrong holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and has completed coursework for the Doctor of Ministry from Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Armstrong is currently serving as the lead pastor of East Point First Mallalieu (EPFM) United Methodist Church (UMC) in East Point, Georgia, where he has served with distinction for the past thirty months; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the church has sponsored a summer children's program, created the 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Café and a junior usher board, and renovated major portions of the building; and

WHEREAS, prior to his assignment at EPFM, Chaplain Phillip Armstrong served eight years as pastor of Transformation UMC in Hephzibah, Georgia; he restarted Transformation after serving fifteen years on active duty in the USAF; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as pastor of Transformation UMC, the church doubled its membership, tripled its finances, built two additional facilities, and became a chartered UMC church; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Armstrong is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Phillip M. Armstrong exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Colonel Phillip M. Armstrong has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize Chaplain (Colonel) Phillip M. Armstrong upon the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force Chaplain Corps, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.